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"AN ACT CONCERNING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and 2 internal references accordingly:
- "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 2-46 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 5 passage):
- 6 (a) The president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
- 7 Representatives, or a chairman of the whole, or a chairman and
- 8 ranking member, acting jointly, of any committee of either house or
- 9 <u>any joint committee</u>, of the General Assembly, or [either of the] <u>both</u>
- 10 chairmen, acting jointly, of the Legislative Program Review and
- 11 Investigations Committee shall have the power to compel the
- 12 attendance and testimony of witnesses by subpoena and capias issued
- by any of them, require the production of any necessary books, papers
- 14 or other documents and administer oaths to witnesses in any case
- 15 under their examination including any program review or

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investigation, as defined in section 2-53d. Any person, summoned as a 16 17 witness by the authority of either house of the General Assembly or 18 said Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee to give 19 testimony or to produce books, papers or other documents upon any 20 matter under inquiry before either house, or any committee of either 21 house, of the General Assembly, or a joint committee of both houses, 22 who wilfully makes default or, having appeared, refuses to be sworn 23 or to answer any question pertinent to the question under inquiry, 24 shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars nor less than one 25 hundred dollars and imprisoned for not less than one month nor more 26 than twelve months."